November 8 Brown Book No. 8 Letter [Horatio Gates Guilford Court House to Gov. Jefferson]

Sir My Letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst to your Excelly own'd the Receipt of yours of the 28th Ultimo. I marched the 6th Instant, with all the Cavalry that were fit to move, from Hillsborough; and that Day received the enclosed Letter of the 31st Ulto from General Smallwood. I apprehend the Tardiness of Colonel Polk in supplying Provisions, must be occasioned by the Delay of Payment, my Bills in his Favor, have met with. I hope to see him in a few Days; when all the Encouragement in my Power shall be given him, to continue his Services, in supplying Provisions to the Army. The Moment I join the Troops to the Westward, and Know with certainty the Movements of the Enemy, I shall consult with the Rest of the General Officers; and determine the future Operations of this Army. The Maryland Regiment under the Command of Colonel Williams, will reach Salisbury Tomorrow, but the Most of the Virginians Eighteen, Eight Months Men, and Militia; are left under General Stevens at Hillsborough to be arm'd and accoutred, and in some Degree equipp'd before they can march from thence. Axes, and Intrenching Tools, I must beg your Excellency will forward to us, with the Utmost Dispatch. Instead of Thirty Horses, which your Excelly inform'd me, were to be sent to Hillsborough for the Artillery: only Nineteen arrived, and those very bad, and poor. I entreat you will order the Deficiency to be immediately supplied.

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[Horatio Gates Guilford Court House to Gov. Lee]

Sir President Stone's Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of last Month, came to my Hands, only the Day before Yesterday, I am astonished at his saying, that my Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, was the First Intimation given your State, relative to their supplying the Southern Army when the Resolves of Congress of \* 17<sup>th</sup> June 1780 are so plainly evinsive of the Contrary. These Sir, might not have been received by Your State; and I can no other Way Account for the Assertion in Mr President Stone's Letter.

The Exact Return of the Maryland Troops was forwarded by Colonel Williams to Your Excellency, under the Care of Captain Clagett about a fortnight ago

The inclosed Copies of Letters to Governor Jefferson, and that from General Smallwood will inform Your Excellency of the Present State of Affairs in this Department, which I must request your Excellency will, with a Copy of this Letter forward immediately to Congress.

\* That the Monies raised for the use of the United States in the State of Maryland and the States to the Southward thereof be appropriated to the supply of Military Chest and Exigencies of War in the Southern Department until the Further Order of Congress.